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STATEMENT OF THE CHURCHES FOR 1858.

CHURCHES.	Counties.	NAME of POST-OFFICE.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	BY WHOM SUPPLIED.	Sabbath of Meet'g	Baptized	Received	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Dead	Whites	Blacks	Total	For Minutes	Ass. Purposes	Missions
Lebanon,.....	Cherokee.	Turkey Town,	W J Kennedy, John B Hall, P M Turner	S R Hood	2	25	13	2	6		1	60	15	75	$1 50	$2 00	$0 50
Yellow Creek,..	"	Leesburg,	J Burnett, S J Williams	S R Hood	1	23	6		11			74	8	82	2 00		
Cedar Bluff.....	"	Cedar Bluff,	F M Hardwick, A Hawkins, M B Gains, Jno Lawrence	R Comer	2	5	11		23	1	1	113	23	136	4 60		
Unity,.....	"	Gaylesville,	James Grogan, S O Bankson. John Webb	R Comer	1		2		7	2	1	74	4	78	3 00		
Mill Creek,.....	"	Cedar Springs,	Samuel Miller, H O Golightly, Eld. R. Comer	R Comer	3	13		1	15	2		56		56	1 50		
Mount Bethel...	"	Cobb's Mills,	Elder G W Eaton, N Richey, J M Heifner	R Comer	4	6			5	3		19	1	20	1 33		
Holly Springs,..	"	Alpine, Ga.,	Elder A W Cunningham	A W Cunningham	2	1	1		4	2	3	17		17	1 00	50	
Fairview, ...	DeKalb,	Duck Springs,	P D Box, James Bearden, William R Sitz	J A Reeve	1				2	2		38		38	1 50		
Macedonia,.....	"	Hendrixville,	Elder G W Masters, James Willbanks	J B Appleton	1		9		4	2	1	32	1	33	1 50		40
Mount Harmony	"	Lebanon,	John B Walden	J B Appleton	4	4	5		4			38	3	41	1 70		7 50
Union, ...	"	Duck Springs,	Elder A B Smith, J Brewton, J M Waters, L Stephens	J B Appleton	2	20	20	1	17	1		108	13	121	3 40		
Pleasant Grove,.	"	Van Buren,	John B Appleton, Van Hall	J B Appleton	3	7	5		31	3	1	48	11	59	1 15		7 05
New Canaan,...	Marshall,	Nichols' Mills,	O P Paris,	—— Story			7		11			16		16	75		
Hopewell,.....	"	Duck Springs,	J E Gilleland, J P Black	———			6		2			35		35	83		
Mount Pleasant,	"	Guntersville,	Thomas Dorsett	———	3	13	4	3	9	2	3	34		34	75		
Mount Olivett,..	Jackson,	Lyonsville,	No representation	—— Lyon								6		6			
Gadsden,...	Cherokee,	Gadsden,	No representation	—— Vandivere													
						117	89	7	151	19	11	768	79	847	$27 03	$2 50	$15 45

☞ Providence, Cherokee county, and Antioch, De Kalb county, dissolved.

MINUTES, &c.

FRIDAY, October 22, 1858.

THE Delegates composing the Cherokee Baptist Association met with Mill Creek Church, Cherokee county, Alabama, on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1858.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder JNO. B. APPLETON, from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews, first chapter, and a portion of the eighth verse: "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom."

After a short intermission, the Association was called to order by Elder WM. C. MYNATT, Moderator.

Letters from churches were then called for and read.

Petitionary letters were called. None received.

The Association then proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, by appointing Elder HOOD and Bro. HULSEY Tellers, who, after taking the vote, announced Elder JNO B. APPLETON, Moderator, and Bro. JNO. LAWRENCE, Clerk.

Messengers from corresponding Associations were called for, when the following brethren announced themselves:

From Tallassehatchee—Elder S. R. HOOD, and Bros. N. B. HALSEY and E. S. BLAIR.

From Tennessee River—Elder J. G. BYNUM and Bro. J. F. MAYS.

Appointed the following Committees, to wit:

On Preaching—Bros. SAM. MILLER and H. O. GOLIGHTLY, from the Church; and Bros. SAM. WILLIAMS, F. M. HARDWICK, and SAM. O. BANKSON, from the Body.

On Finance—Bros. A. HAWKINS, LEVI STEPHENS, and JOHN BREWTON.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

SATURDAY, 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder G. W. Eaton.

The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected, and adopted.

Called the roll of Delegates' names, and marked absentees.

Elder A. W. CUNNINGHAM presented a letter from Holly Springs Church, showing his appointment as Delegate, which letter was read and received, and his name enrolled.

On motion, visiting brethren were cordially invited to sit with the body, and aid in its deliberations; which invitation was accepted by Elder WM. C. MYNATT, with the understanding that he have the privilege of presenting the claims of the East Alabama Convention before the body, during its session. It was unanimously agreed that Elder Mynatt be heard at the hour of two o'clock, P. M.

Elder ISAAC REED was received as a visitor from Concord Association, Middle Tennessee.

Corresponding messengers were appointed to meet with the East Alabama Convention, to convene at Central Institute, Coosa county, on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in May, 1859, to wit: Elders Jno. B. Appleton, A. W. Cunningham, A. B. Smith, J. A. Reeve and G. W. Masters, and Bros. J. M. Waters, H. O. Golightly, Jno. B. Walden, and F. M. Hardwick; Bro. John Lawrence to write.

On motion, it was agreed that the next annual meeting of this body be held with Union Church, DeKalb county, Ala., commencing on Friday before the second Sabbath in September, 1859.

Adjourned till two o'clock, P. M.

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2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Elder W. C. MYNATT delivered his views in relation to the obligation of church members to support mission-

ary enterprises, strenuously advocating the claims of the East Alabama Convention upon our sympathies, and earnestly soliciting our hearty co-operation.

On motion, it was agreed that the money collected by Elder W. C. Mynatt, during the fall of 1857, amounting to $58,50, (now in the hands of Bro. John Lawrence,) be placed in said Mynatt's hands, to be by him paid over to the Board of the East Alabama Convention, to be employed by them in the Home Mission, Bible, and Colportage system of said convention.

On motion, the following resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the churches composing the Association be requested to send up annually, through their delegates, such sums of money as they may feel willing to contribute for the support of the benevolent enterprises in which the East Alabama Convention is engaged; which said sums of money shall be sent to the Convention through the delegates from this Association.

It was further resolved, that the foregoing resolution become a standing resolution, and be hereafter published annually with the regular proceedings of this body.

Notice was given that a public collection would be taken up on to-morrow, for the benefit of the East Alabama Convention.

On motion, the following brethren were appointed to examine and report upon the subject of the Southern Sunday School Union before the adjournment of this body, to wit: John Lawrence, F. M. Hardwick, John Brewton, Wm. J. Kennedy, and J. M. Waters.

Committees were appointed to prepare reports to be read at our next annual meeting, on the following subjects, to wit:

On Domestic and Indian Missions—Elder A. B. Smith, and Bros. Levi Stephens and John Brewton.

On Foreign Missions—Bros. A. Hawkins, M. B. Gains, and F. M. Hardwick.

On the Bible Cause—Bros. Sam. Williams and J. Burnett, and Elder Jno. B. Appleton.

On Temperance—Elder A. W. CUNNINGHAM, and Bros. I. N. CROW and SAM MILLER.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock Monday morning.

The stand was occupied on Sabbath, at 11 o'clock, by Elder WM. C. MYNATT; at the close of which exercises, a public collection was taken up, amounting to $23,50. In the afternoon the stand was filled by Elder J. B. APPLETON.

MONDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Bro. LAWRENCE being absent, on account of sickness in his family, Bro. J. B. WALDEN was requested to act as Clerk, to complete the minutes.

The following Financial Report was read, received, and adopted, in words following, to wit:

We, your Committee on Finance, make the following report:

For Minutes,	$27 03
For Association Purposes,	2 50
For Home Missions,	15 95
For Foreign Missions,	50
Public collection on Sabbath,	23 50
Amount collected by Eld, Mynatt, 1857, for Home Mission, Bible and colportage,	58 50
	$127 98

CR. By am't paid Eld. Mynatt, ag't E. A. Conv'n, $98 45
By am't paid Bro; Lawrence for Minutes, &c. 29 53—$127 98

Respectfully submitted,
A. HAWKINS, Chairman.

Appointed Distributing Agents, to wit:

For 1st District—Bros. A. HAWKINS and SAM. J. WILLIAMS.

For 2d District—Bros. A. B. SMITH and J. B WALDEN.

On motion, it was ordered that the Clerk have 600 copies of these minutes printed.

On motion, it was ordered that the money sent up for associational purposes be applied to the printing of the minutes, and the Clerk be allowed to retain the balance over cost of printing minutes.

Elder A. B. SMITH was selected to preach the next Introductory Sermon; Eld. Robert Comer his Alternate.

On motion, the question of the proposed amendment of the 11th article of the Constitution, as recommended last year, be again referred to the churches, and that they severally be requested to vote on the same and report their action to this body.

The report of the committee on the subject of the proposed Sunday School Union was called for, read, received, and unanimously adopted, in words following, to wit:

We, your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of the Southern Sunday School Union Convention, held in the City of Nashville, in October, 1857, respectfully submit the following resolutions for the consideration of this body:

Resolved, That we cordially approve of the proceedings of said Convention. The officers nominated meet our full approbation, and we believe Nashville to be the most eligible point for the location of the Central Board and General Depository.

Resolved, That the cause of Sunday Schools should be fostered and encouraged by the Baptist denomination throughout the entire Southern country; and to do this effectually, we greatly need the proposed Union.

Resolved, That we heartily concur in the proposed Convention, to meet in Memphis, Tennessee, in November next, in the furtherance of said Union.

Resolved, That past experience has taught us the necessity of denominational literature, suited to the age in which we live.

Resolved, That we endorse the teachings of the *Tennessee Baptist*, and do most respectfully recommend it to the churches composing this Association.

Resolved, That we disapprove of the course (so far as we understand it,) pursued by the First Baptist Church in Nashville towards the editors of the *Tennessee Baptist*.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, and a copy sent to the *Tennessee Baptist* for publication.

JNO. LAWRENCE,
F. M. HARDWICK,
W. J. KENNEDY,
J. M. WATERS,
JOHN BREWTON,
} COMMITTEE.

On motion, the following preamble was read, and unanimously adopted, to wit:

WHEREAS, Our esteemed Brother, Eld. G. W. EATON, purposes to remove from the bounds of this Association. While we lament his removal from among us, we do most cordially and heartily recommend him to the Christian confidence of the Baptist denomination, wherever God, in his providence, may cast his lot.

On motion, the Association adjourned, to meet at the time and place designated in these minutes.

J. B. APPLETON, Moderator.

JNO. LAWRENCE,
JNO. B. WALDEN.
} CLERKS.

Names & Post Offices of Ministers.

Wm. Kinzie, Valley Head, Alabama.
M. Hendrix, Turkey Town, "
J. A. Reeve, Duck Springs, "
A. B. Smith, " "
Robt. Comer, Cedar Springs, "
G. W. Eaton, Valley Head, Ala.
Jacob Coffman, Gaylesville, "
J. B. Appleton, Van Buren, "
M. R. Lyon, Lyonville, "
Isaac Refd, Cedar Bluff, "
A. W. Cunningham, Alpine, Ga.

LICENCIATES.

J. S. Bankson, Lebanon, Alabama.
C. W. Lay, Duck Springs, Ala.
Jas. B. Hall, Van Buren, Ala.